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COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Wednesday,

5th August, 1936.
21st Karkidagam, 1111.

The Council met in the Council Hall, Ernakulam, at Eleven of the Clock with the Hon'ble the President (Sir Shanmukham Chetty, K. C. I. E.) in the Chair.

Messrs. T. S. Balarama Ayyar, K. T. Mathew, M. Sivarama Menon and R. Viswanathan Chettiar were absent.

Questions and Answers.

Remission of Land Revenue assessment—Lands affected by floods in 1099.

141. Mr. K. Kunhirama Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) how many acres of agricultural lands have been immersed under sand during the floods in 1099 in the villages of Cheruthuruthi, Pallur, Desamangalam and Pynkulam;

(2) of which how many acres have been recovered for cultivation and what was the Government's share of the expense;

(3) what is the total annual revenue yield from those lands before the floods and after the floods;

(4) if the Government have been approached for remission of revenue of such uncultivable lands by the Jenmies;

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(5) if so, who are the owners who approached the Government for remission and how many of the applicants have been given relief?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—

			Acres.
(1)	Cheruthuruthi	..	12·48
	Pallur	..	56·54
	Pynkulam	..	3·00
	Desamangalam	..	Nil

(2) Nil.

(3) About Rs. 450. No change before and after the floods.

(4) Yes. By a few persons.

(5) Koodalattupurath Manakkal Mr. Narayanan Namburipad, Thiribillakkat Manakkal Mr. Brahmadattan Namburipad, Kaplinghat Manakkal Mr. Vasudevan Nambudiri. No special remission in the assessment was granted.

Mr. K. Kunhirama Menon.—In regard to sub-division (2) did anybody apply for agricultural loans?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Nobody has applied for agricultural loans.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Are we to understand that these 72 acres are now lying fallow?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Yes, they are lying fallow.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know, Sir, why remission was not given?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Remission was granted for the year 1100. They wanted the remission to be repeated in the years 1101 and 1102, and they were offered certain other terms. If they wanted the silt to be cleared, the Government will be prepared to give agricultural loans repayable in easy instalments. They did not take advantage of that.

142. **Mr. K. Ashtamoorthi Nambudiripad.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) how many acres of land in the Cheruthuruthi village on the banks of the Bharatha River has been lying fallow as a result of the floods of 1099 and the consequent deposit of sand on those lands;

(b) have the Government given any remission of revenue for such lands till now;

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(c) regarding this matter, did the Government receive any petition from persons affected;

(d) will the Government consider of giving any pecuniary help to those persons for removing the sand from the said lands;

(e) will the Government be pleased at least to assess the said lands at the same rate of assessment fixed on parambas?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—(a) 12·48 acres.

(b) No special remission was granted.

(c) Yes.

(d) Yes. Government are prepared to advance agricultural loans for the improvement of such lands, if the owners thereof apply.

(e) No. This is not permitted by the Settlement Proclamation.

Supply of furniture to Village Offices.

143. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar**—Will the Government be pleased to state (1) whether sufficient furniture is supplied to all the Village Offices in the State for keeping the records safe;

(2) if not, what arrangements are made for the safety of records;

(3) are tables and chairs given to all the Village Offices?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—(1) Yes.

(2) No answer is necessary in view of the reply to (1) above.

(3) No. The furniture supplied to some of the Village Offices cannot be said to be adequate.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Have all the Village Offices sufficient almirahs to keep their records ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—In some of the village offices racks have been supplied in place of almirahs.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Has not the Diwan Peishkar come across instances when village Officers had to go in search for chairs?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—I am trying to supply the village officers with chairs. This year I have supplied some

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